

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN  
PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Meeting Held April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
City Hall, 301 WEST SECOND STREET, Boards and Commissions Room,  
301 West Second Street, Austin. TX

**Call Meeting to Order at 3:10pm.**

*Committee Members Present:*

- 1. Council Member Mike Martinez, Chair*
- 2. Council Member Laura Morrison*
- 3. Council Member Chris Riley*
- 4. Council Member Kathie Tovo (guest)*

**1. Review and approval of minutes for the committee meeting held Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012.**

*Motion by Council Member Riley to approve the Minutes of the meetings held on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012, seconded by Council Member Morrison, motion unanimously carries, 2-0, with Council Member Martinez temporarily absent.*

**2. Citizen Communications.**

Bill Brice, Linda.

**3. Deer in Northwest Austin - Observations and Recommendations (Robin Abbott, Deer Austin; Teresa Ferguson, Deer Austin).**

Robin Abbott presented on the No Feeding of Deer ordinance. She noted that dead deer pickups, deer/vehicle collisions, and deer complaints had gone down over the past three years suggesting the Ordinance has been successful and changes to it were unnecessary.

There were many speakers that expressed opinion on the deer issue. During Citizens communications NWACA member Cecilia Burke withdrew prohibition of water from their draft ordinance.

*Direction by Council Member Morrison to the Animal Advisory Commission (AAC) to come back in a couple of months (June 2012) to allow the formation of a working group charged with finding common ground deer recommendation(s). Council Member Martinez would also like staff to consider traffic calming devices, speeding enforcement, signage, best practices, and safety issues.*

**4. Update on Intentional Feeding of Deer Ordinance, and take appropriate action (David Lopez, Chief Sanitarian, HHSD; Joe Staudt, Program Supervisor, HHSD).**

Staff presented on the Deer Ordinance, cautioning the water prohibition may be difficult to enforce.

- 5. Status Report on new Animal Shelter and Implementation Plan to Reduce Animal Intake and Increase Live Animal Outcomes, and take appropriate action (Abigail Smith, Chief Animal Services Officer).**

Abigail Smith presented on animal services citing a live outcome rate of 93% for March. Council Member Martinez asked staff to consider dog training for law enforcement officers in light of a recent pet shooting.

- 6. UHNA Disabled Group Home Task Force Update on discussions regarding implementation of the House Bill 216 State Law Model Standards and take appropriate action. (Joan Bartz, Task Force Chair).**

Joan Bartz presented. Staff was asked to come back to next month's PHHS meeting.

- 7. Minorities for Equality in Education, Employment, Liberty & Justice Inc. (MEEELJ) and take appropriate action. (Latreese Cooke, Executive Director, MEEELJ).**

*Motion by Council Member Martinez to direct staff to adopt the resolution made by the African American Advisory Committee, to work with the County with a pilot program recommendation for moving forward in partnership with MEEELJ, Inc. to the PHHS, seconded by Council Member Morrison, motion carries, 2-0, with Council Member Riley off the dais.*

Council Member Morrison requests consideration of funding from other city departments as well contemplation of the Re-entry Roundtable recommendations and policies.

- 8. Update on Permanent Supportive Housing Recommendations and take appropriate action (Ed McHorse, Chair, ECHO)**

Item postponed until next PHHS meeting.

- 9. Review of proposed funding for permanent supportive housing contract to be considered by City Council on April 26 and take appropriate action (Stephanie Hayden, Acting Assistant Director, HHSD and Susan Gehring, Manager, HHSD).**

Item postponed until next PHHS meeting.

- 10. Consider agenda items for next meeting, scheduled for 3:00 pm on Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012, or at the call of the committee chair.**

1115 Waiver requested by Committee members.

**Adjourned at 5:03pm**